

License reciprocity requirements list

A customer may have requirements waived if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

For more information, please see the current [Reciprocity Policies](#).

Parent topic: [References](#)

License reciprocity requirements list, international

Reciprocity allows a customer to have their driver education, knowledge exam, and skills exam requirements for a regular Class-C *DL* waived if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

Regular Class C DL

- Must be a former resident from a country with a memorandum of understanding who now resides in Texas:
 - Germany (Federal Republic of Germany)
 - France (French Republic)
 - South Korea (Korea Republic)
 - Taiwan (Republic of China Taiwan)

Note:

Class D Republic of China (ROC) driver licenses may be accepted in exchange for a Texas Class C driver license. Beginning July 1, 2013, all Class B ROC licenses are valid indefinitely. Licenses issued before this date may carry expiration dates, but are still considered valid if authenticated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

- Must surrender their DL from their former country of residence

Note:

If the customer chooses to not surrender the DL from their former country of residence, they must meet pass the knowledge and skills exams for a regular Class-C DL.

Note:

If the information on the foreign DL is unable to be verified due to a language barrier, the applicant must provide a certified translation of the license into English.

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must pass the vision exam

- Must present satisfactory proof of identity
- Must present satisfactory proof of either U.S. citizenship or lawful presence
- Must present satisfactory proof of Texas residency

Note:

The customer must have resided in Texas for at least 30 days unless they surrender the valid foreign license

- Must present satisfactory proof of vehicle registration and insurance, if the customer owns a vehicle.
- Must pass a practical exam and/or present medical documentation attesting to physical or mental capabilities if there is cause to believe that the applicant is not physically or mentally qualified to operate a motor vehicle.
- Any advance in grade or modifications of any restrictions and endorsements requires completion of the appropriate examinations.

Note:

Any customers who hold a driver license from any country, other than those with reciprocity agreements and Canada, must take all required exams.

Note:

Persons presenting a Mexican driver license are subject to the same exam requirements as those from any other country without driver license reciprocity.

Related information

[521.0305. AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES](#)

License reciprocity requirements list, other US states, territories, and Canada

Reciprocity allows a customer to waive the driver education, knowledge exam, and skills exam requirements if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

Regular Class C or Class M DL

- Must be a former resident of another US state, District of Columbia, US territory, or province of Canada
- Must surrender any valid license(s) issued by another US state, District of Columbia, US territory, or province of Canada

Note:

If the customer chooses to not surrender the DL, they must submit a DL-2

- Must be 18 years of age or older

Note:

Customers under 18 years of age are subject to the GDL program and the skills exam may not be waived.

- Must pass the vision exam
- Must present satisfactory proof of identity
- Must present satisfactory proof of either U.S. citizenship or lawful presence
- Must present satisfactory proof of Texas residency

Note:

The customer must have resided in Texas for at least 30 days unless they surrender the valid foreign license

- Must present satisfactory proof of vehicle registration and insurance, if the customer owns a vehicle.
- Must pass a practical exam and/or present medical documentation attesting to physical or mental capabilities if there is cause to believe that the applicant is not physically or mentally qualified to operate a motor vehicle.
- Any advance in grade or modifications of any restrictions and endorsements requires completion of the appropriate examinations.

US Territories

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The current US territories that issue driver licenses are:

- America Samoa
- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- Guam
- Northern Marianas
- US Virgin Islands

Related information

[521.030. RECIPROCAL LICENSE](#)

TRC §521.164. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
LICENSED NONRESIDENTS

License reciprocity requirements list, diplomats A or G visa/Department of State

Reciprocity allows a customers to have their knowledge and skills exams waived for any equivalent or lower class DL if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

All DL

- Must provide their A or G visa
- Must present a letter from the Department of State that they are not eligible for a Department of State license

Note:

A customer without a letter of ineligibility must be referred to the Department of State

- Must submit satisfactory proof of Texas residency; however, they are not required to meet the minimum residency requirement of 30 days
- Exams for the US Department of State are conducted by DL personnel without a fee for the issuance of a Department of State driver license. This may include vision, knowledge, or skills exams.
 - Unless the State Department provides the exams, Texas DL exams are administered.
 - Record the exam results on the forms provided by the State Department that the customer should have with them. Form example is below.



United States Department of State
DRIVER LICENSE SUPPLEMENTAL FORM

Driver License
PID: 31703077
Country: MEXICO
Transaction ID:

**This space is reserved for certifying
Motor Vehicle Authority Use Only**

Test Results

Vision Test Results:

Left 20/	
Right 20/	
Both 20/	
Peripheral Vision	
<input type="checkbox"/> With Lenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Without Lenses

Written/Legal Test: Car Motorcycle

Passing Score		
Passing Date		

Road/Skills Test: Car Motorcycle

Passing Score		
Passing Date		

Examiner Signature and Date:

Signature:
Date:
Telephone Number:
City:
Country:
State:

MVA Stamp Here:

Personal Information:

DOB: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] lbs
License Type: [REDACTED]

Vehicle Class:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C - Regular License
<input type="checkbox"/> M - Motorcycle
<input type="checkbox"/> A - Commerical

Testing Requirement(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vision Test
<input type="checkbox"/> Written/Legal/Law Test
<input type="checkbox"/> Road/Skills Test

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License reciprocity requirements list, US military personnel

Reciprocity allows a customer who has a valid US military driver license to have their skills exam for any equivalent or lower class DL waived if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

All DL

An applicant with a valid US military or US armed forces license:

- Must pass the vision exam
- Must pass the knowledge exam
- Is not required to take a skills exam
- Any advance in grade or modifications of any restrictions and endorsements requires completion of the appropriate examinations.

License reciprocity requirements list, NATO

Reciprocity allows a customer to have the knowledge and skills exams for any equivalent or lower class DL waived if they meet the reciprocity requirements.

All DL

US agreements with NATO require Texas to extend certain privileges to any NATO military personnel or civilian component.

- Must provide orders confirming their NATO status

Note:

NATO reciprocity only applies to military personnel or civilian components. It does not apply to spouses or dependents.

- Must pass the vision exam
- Must present satisfactory proof of Texas residency; however, they are not required to meet the minimum residency requirement of 30 days.
- Must pay any fees
- Must take the knowledge and skills exam if applying for an advance in grade or modifying any restrictions or endorsements

Note:

If the customer is applying for a license of the same or lower class, the knowledge and skills exams are not required

Nato member countries

NATO Countries

- Albania
- Belgium

- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom of Great Britain
- United States of America

Note:

For the most up to date list of all NATO countries, go to
www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/nato_countries.htm